

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A network comprising:

a first set top box integrated with, or communicating with, a first television, the first set top box having a first output adapted to be received by a the first television and a second output adapted to be received by a second set top box; the first set top box further comprising an input adapted to receive input information from a user; and

the second set top box having a third output adapted to be received by a second television.

2. (Currently Amended) The network according to claim 1, wherein the input information comprises an audio and video information.
3. (Original) The network according to claim 1, wherein the input information comprises text.
4. (Original) The network according to claim 1, wherein the input information comprises pre-formatted messages.
5. (Original) The network according to claim 1, wherein the input information is retrieved from a memory device.
6. (Original) The network according to claim 1, wherein the second set top box receives the output information from the first set top box and wherein the second set top box sends second output information to the second television.
7. (Currently Amended) The network according to claim 6, wherein the second output information is displayed on ~~a portion of~~ the second television.

8. (Currently Amended) The network according to claim 1, wherein the second set top box sends second output information to the third output, and wherein the second output information is related to output information.
9. (Original) The network according to claim 8, wherein the second output information is formatted according to a preselected message format.
10. (Original) A network comprising:
  - a first set top box adapted to receive a broadcast signal, transmit a first television signal, and conduct two way communications with a second set top box; and
  - the second set top box adapted to receive the broadcast signal, transmit a second television signal, and conduct two way communications with the first set top box.
11. (Original) The network according to claim 10, wherein the second television signal is different than the first television signal.
12. (Original) The network according to claim 11, wherein the second television signal includes text.
13. (Original) The network according to claim 11, wherein the second television signal includes pre-formatted messages.
14. (Original) The network according to claim 11, wherein the second television signal includes information retrieved from a memory device.
15. (Original) The network according to claim 10, wherein the first set top box includes a video camera.

16. (Original) The network according to claim 10, wherein the first set top box includes a microphone.
17. (Original) The network according to claim 10, wherein the first set top box includes an input adapted to receive information from a keyboard.
18. (Original) The network according to claim 10, wherein the second set top box includes a video camera.
19. (Currently Amended) A set top box integrated with, or communicating with, a television, the set top box comprising:
  - a first input receiving content;
  - a first output adapted to be received by a the television;
  - a second output adapted to be received by a second set top box;
  - a ~~an~~ second input adapted to receive message information from a user; and
  - wherein the message information is sent out of the second output.
20. (Currently Amended) The set top box according to claim 19, wherein the message information ~~includes~~ comprises at least one of audio information, video information, text information, and a pre-formatted message.
21. (Currently Amended) A set top box according to claim 30, wherein the message information comprises at least one of audio information, video information, text information, and a pre-formatted message ~~The set top box according to claim 19, wherein the message information includes video information.~~
22. (Currently Amended) A set top box according to claim 30, wherein the memory stores instructions for processing signals from an internal video camera ~~The set top box according to claim 19, wherein the message information includes text information.~~

23. (Currently Amended) A set top box according to claim 30, wherein the memory stores instructions for processing signals from an internal microphone ~~The set top box according to claim 19, wherein the message information includes a pre-formatted message.~~
24. (Original) The set top box according to claim 19, wherein the message information is retrieved from a memory device.
25. (Original) The set top box according to claim 19, further comprising a video camera.
26. (Original) The set top box according to claim 19, further comprising a microphone.
27. (Currently Amended) The set top box according to claim 19, further comprising another input adapted to receive information from a keyboard.
28. (Currently Amended) The set top box according to claim 19, further comprising another input adapted to receive information from a video camera.
29. (Currently Amended) The set top box according to claim 19, further comprising another input adapted to receive information from a microphone.
30. (New) A set top box integrated with, or communicating with, a television, the set top box comprising memory storing instructions for performing the steps:  
  
receiving content via a first input;  
providing a first output to the television;  
providing a second output adapted to be received by a second set top box; and  
receiving message information from a user via a second input,  
  
wherein the message information is sent out of the second output.

31. (New) A set top box according to claim 30, wherein the memory stores instructions for receiving signals from a keyboard input.